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Request for CDC Support

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The Field Inspection Section needs the assistance of Joel Mulder. We are currently completing an investigation of Montrose Chemical Corporation, 20201 South Normandie Avenue, Torrance, California. This company (which manufactures, grinds, and formulates DDT) is suspected of discharging DDT in stormwater, which flows into a catchbasin at Farmer's Bros. Coffee, located about 500 feet south of Montrose. There may also be emissions of DDT particulates from the Montrose facility.

We would appreciate Mr. Mulder's review of the following issues, and making contact with CDC and other HHS agencies:

1. DDT entering the coffee plant through stormwater or particulate emissions from Montrose,
2. OSHA problems at Montrose,
3. Potential for DDT to accumulate in fish in the Los Angeles - Long Beach Harbor area (via the Dominguez Channel), and
4. Current status of chronic health effects associated with DDT. (DDT has previously been identified as an animal carcinogen and suspect human carcinogen). DDT particulates may have contaminated residential neighborhoods which are located within 1000 feet of the Montrose plant.

The investigation report and sampling results/QA review should be completed during the week of January 10. At that time, our report will be ready for release to other federal, and state, agencies. Mr. Mulder should contact Steve Simanonok of the Field Inspection Section for further information.

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